

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Shuntaro ARATANI, et al. ) : Examiner: Jason P. Salce  
Application No.: 09/921,698 ) : Group Art Unit: 2623  
Filed: August 6, 2001 ) : Confirmation No.: 8038  
For: DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS, )  
AND DATA PROCESSING METHOD :  
(As Amended) ) : March 30, 2007

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the Official Action dated January 5, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows: